

In the Specification:

Please amend the paragraph beginning at page 3, line 3 as follows:

A second aspect of the invention is a computing environment having two or more nodes, shared storage media, a hard attribute on associated storage media, and an access manager responsive to the hard attribute. A third aspect of the invention is an article comprising a computer-readable ~~signal-bearing~~ medium which may be in the form of a recordable data storage medium. The article includes means in the medium for accessing shared storage media, for establishing access rights, and for managing an access request. The storage media has associated storage media having a hard attribute.